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NEW COMPANION TO FANTASY READER

OUT OF THIS WORLD ADV. FOLDS

London, England, Feb. 7, 1951. (FNS) It was announced today that British fans would organize under the direction of the Science Fantasy Society, in order to fight the recent price hike in Street & Smith's ASTOUNDING SCIENCE FICTION to British fans. The price was at \$3.25 a year but recently the price was hiked to \$10.00 a year. The British have a small edition of the magazine, but it hardly takes the place of the USA edition.

In a circular mimeographed by A. Vincent Clarke and H. Ken Bulmer for the SFS, a sample protest letter to S & S and all the details are found. The price is now about 6d. a copy (or just under 84¢).

The protest literature was sent to fans all over the British Isles and to numerous American fanzines. The latter are directed to help by publishing the protest letter and forwarding copies of the zines to S & S.

At the same time ASF's subscription rate to the Pan American Union was raised from \$2.75 a year to \$7.50. Street & Smith did not give any reasons for the increases.

PLEASE NOTE: News of the Festival of Britain will be found on pg. 2.

New York, New York, Feb. 28. (FNS) Today Donald A. Wollheim, editor of science-fiction at AVON PUBLISHING COMPANY announced that a new sf magazine "AVON SCIENCE FICTION READER" will appear on all newsstands soon. The magazine will be a companion to AVON FANTASY READER, and will be in the same format and cost 35¢. Included in the 1st issue will be THE WAR OF THE SEXES by Ed. Hamilton, GREEN GLORY by Frank B. Long, THE MORRISON MONUMENT by Murray Leinster and THE INCUBATOR MAN by Wallace West. There will be others by Merritt, Williamson and many others.

At the same time MR. Wollheim announced that OUT OF THIS WORLD ADVENTURES has folded with its second issue. The magazine appeared July and December 1950. He also stated that no second issue of TEN STORY FANTASY has been scheduled yet.

Mr. Wollheim went on to say that AVON was contracting for a pocket edition of Olaf Stapledon's famous novel STAR MAKER, which will probably not be published before November. A Merritt's SHIP OF ISHTAR is almost ready for sale. He also announced a specialized anthology, to be edited by Barthold Fles is in preparation, but the

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AVON S-F READER TO DEBUT

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details are not ready for release as yet. The company has just released A. Merritt's THE METAL MONSTER in pb form.

In the field of comics, AVON is soon publishing under its AVON FANTASY CLASSICS the comics version of Otis Adelbert Kline's novel MAZA OF THE MOON. The company has already published EARTH MAN ON VENUS (The Radio Man) and THE MASK OF DR. FU MANCHU. Mr. Wollheim also announced new editions of BERTIE COMICS and STRANGE WORLDS are forthcoming.

(Out thanks to Mr. Wollheim for supplying us the news in the item above.)

"SUSPENSE" DEBUTS EVERYWHERE

New York, N.Y. February 1951. (FNS) Early this month a new semi-slick adventure story magazine appeared on newsstands everywhere. Containing 132 pages and selling at 35¢, the magazine reminds one of THE ELDERLY QUEEN MYSTERY MAGAZINE and THE MAGAZINE OF FANTASY AND SCIENCE FICTION although the new mag is very slightly narrower than the other two. Published quarterly the magazine is dated Spring 1951 but contains no number.

The magazine sports a total of 12 stories with a line up of top writers to make the magazine a sell-out. Featuring science-fiction, mystery, crime, fantasy, suspense stories and the macabre, the mag is just right for the mystery-fantasy reader.

The company also publishes a series of mystery novels at 35¢ under the name SUSPENSE NOVELS.

PRESS NOTE: Contrary to the report from BROADCASTING as reported on page 5, DEFENSION A has not returned to NBC at \$5,000 on 6 days. In fact no return date for the program has been set.

MAZE OF THE FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN

London, England. February 7, (FNS) Today the details of the SCIENCE-FICTION FESTIVAL CONVENTION to be held May 10th-14th (Whitsun weekend) in London were released to fanzine editors in the United States.

The preliminary sessions will be held on Thursday and Friday evenings, May 10th and 11th, the main sessions will be held in the afternoons and evenings of May 12th and 13th. No program is planned for Monday the 14th except a farewell meeting that night.

The preliminary sessions and the final session will be held at the fans favorite meeting place, "White Horse Tavern", Fetter Lane, E.C.4. The main sessions are to be held at the "Bull and the Mouth", 31, Bloomsbury Wat, London, W.C.1.

The program will be varied and many fans from all over Britain & from the United States, Canada, Sweden, and France will be there. It will be Britain's largest sf convention and will be her first international gathering.

Nova Publications publishers of NEW WORLDS and SCIENCE - FANTASY are publicising the event and other groups are promoting it.

Guests scheduled for the convention are Arthur C. Clarke, Bill Temple, John Beynon Harris, Walter Gillings, Ted Carnell, Capt. Ken Slater and many others including some overseas guests.

Among the events at the convention will be a buffet, a banquet, and science-fiction auctions.

Americans wishing to join the convention society, either because they wish to attend or to help the British fan, may send 50¢ to Charles Duncombe, Convention Treasurer, White Horse Tavern, Fetter Lane, London, E.C.4. Members of the Convention Society will receive all convention bulletins & the programme.

STF QUARTERLY

New York, New York, February 3, (FNS) Today marked the revival of prewar science-fiction pulp, SCIENCE FICTION QUARTERLY. Edited by Robert W. Lowndes, the magazine is published quarterly by Columbia Publications the publishers of FUTURE combined with SCIENCE FICTION. The new S-F QUARTERLY is dated May 1951 and is marked No.1 Vol.1. The magazine first appeared in 1940 with a Summer issue. The magazine saw ten issues until it folded with the issue for Spring 1943. The old and new editions are somewhat alike, although the revived one is a few pages thinner; but the big difference is in the editorial policy, as the prewar edition was a reprint magazine, the new S-F QUARTERLY is a new story magazine. With 132 pages, the new edition contains a total of 9 fair-to good stories and two features. On the whole the magazine is not too bad, and is a little better than FUTURE. The cover is the magazine's worst point, with a lurid cover by Luros in the worst Bergey style.

SUPPORT THE NOLACON, ATTEND IT.....

GALAXY UP TO 35¢

New York, New York (FNS). To our regret it was learned that GALAXY SCIENCE FICTION is raising its price to 35¢ with the latest issue which is dated April, on sale any day now. Improvemnets will be in order though. GALAXY NOVELS will not increase its price.

FANTASTIC NOVELS TO HAVE NEW LOGO
New York, N.Y. (FNS) New York. Correspondent Bob Silverberg reports, Fantastic Novels will have a new logo next issue. All small letters except "F". Comment: "Pretty Neat!"

ODDS AND ENDS OF NEWS Compiled by FNS

New PLANET STORIES just arrived on newsstands everywhere.

Plans to revive Fantasy News have been cancelled.

Current issue of FANTASY TIMES, from which we did not "steal" any news except these items here with due credit, features cover article and logo on AMAZING STORIES 25th anniversary this month, with the April issue. F-T also reports "LIBERTY MAGAZINE" this month blasted Dianetics, ASF, and STF. in general with a four page article by Elaine C. Stewart. Lastly we read that PLANET STORIES has dropped its Canadian edition, now that U.S. editions are on sale in Canada.

Dick Nystrom reports that he has decided to attempt publishing FANDOM IN, which he was forced to abandon last fall.

Our correspondent, Bob Silverberg, reports some INTERESTING news on his fine fanzine SPACE-SHIP. Issue #12, ready the end of this month is the zine's second anniversary issue. The issue will contain at least 25 pages and feature a four color cover. Material included fiction by James R. Adams and David English; articles by Harry Warner, Barbara Chandler, Bob Silverberg and others, poetry, by Orma McCormick, Todd Conwell, and Charles Morris, artwork by Ray Capella and Jim Lewis; and letters, fanzine reviews (including S-F NEWSSCOPE) and other items. On the whole its a great issue and the cost is still only 10¢ or 3 for 25¢ (760 Montgomery St., Brooklyn 13, New York).

Reports indicate that the new MARVEL has been especially well received. TEN STORY FANTASY and S-F QUARTERLY have been clearing the store shelves reapidly.

Several more wierd and fantastic comics have appeared, such as Astonishing, Marvel Boy, Web of Mystery etc. have appeared.

BOOK REVIEWS: William MacDonald
Guest Reviewer

S-F NEWSSCOPE is interested in contacting some fan or fans who read many new books and who would be able to conduct a monthly book column in this space.

NEEDLE by Hal Clement, Garden City Doubleday & Co., Inc. 1950 222 pages. \$2.50

NEEDLE takes the form of a science-fiction detective story. Both the hunter and the hunted are metazoans, amorphous jelly-like beings who live inside another being, preferable solid. The detective, Hunter, while pursuing his quarry finds himself crashing into the ocean behind the HUNTED. Hunter leaves his craft and on the beach enters the body of an adolescent boy, Robert Kinnaird. After many attempts to get through to the boy that he is inside him, Kinnaird finally realizes that some one more intelligent than he is occupying his body. The search then starts for the Hunted which is like searching for a needle in a haystack. The plot is the same as always with the detective winning out, but the story makes interesting reading because of the plot development.

THE LAST SPACESHIP by Murray Leinster. New York: Frederick & Fell Inc. 1949. 239 pages. \$2.50

The Last Spaceship is an enlarged version of Murray Leinster's magazine one-shot of 1947, "Warless Worlds". The action is in the distant future, at this time the solar system is being ruled by Disciplinary Circuit. Automatic rulers use this beam to rule the people by force. The beam causes muscle fibers to contract and will kill if the muscle fibers contract too much. Kim Randall, a criminal by Disciplinary standards, steals a

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FANZINE COMMENTARY

QUANDRY (Published monthly by Lee Hoffman, 101 Wagner St., Savannah, Georgia for 10¢ a copy, \$1.00 a year, has been expanding rapidly and I can see that it is now taking the place of SPACEWARP, which was a sort of stf bible. First off the zine has an eye-catching non-cluttered cover. Each issue contains 25 pages or more. Neat mimeo work adds to the attractiveness. Colored paper is just another asset. Besides fiction and top rated articles the fanzine contains the tops in columns: Walter Willis writes one; R.J. Banks and Robert Silverberg also contribute columns; Wilkie Corner tops things off. The editor reports that FILE 13, will start in the March issue. On the whole this zine is one of the best.

IMAGINATIVE COLLECTOR and DAWN (Published by Russell K. Watkins, 203 Wampun Avenue, Louisville 9, Kentucky, 15¢ Or 2 for 25¢.) is a new effort, although DAWN itself has a total of 12 issues, but IMAG.COLLEC. (January 1951) is #2. The magazine has 7 pages of letters from all over, and no kidding, they make interesting reading. The mimeography is on the whole pretty good. Headliner this issue is Ken Beagle's "1951 in STF A Survey of the mag. field" a five page article on stf magazines and their relative merits. Book review column, and a news reporter column with a couple of short features round out a good issue. With a few more issues of improvement this zine can become a top zine.

FANZINES ON REVIEW

SIRIUS (stan Serxner, 1308 How Ave Bronx 59, N.Y. 15¢) Dated Jan-Feb. this issue is the last. The editor is now in the army. This issue is 30 pages with two covers. Using up his backlog of material, this issue is good.

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BOOK REVIEW (Continued from pg.4) MORE ODDS AND ENDS

an outdated spaceship, the Star-Shine, and tries to break the Disciplinary Circuit by using matter transmitters. Finally by turning the powers of the Disciplinary Circuit on their manipulators he frees the Galaxy from their despotic rulers.

This story is a good example of Leinster's literary skill. The story should inspire other writers into composing some more material of the same calibre.

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Dues 50¢ a year. To join or for info write R.A. Nystrom, Sec., 3 Echo St., Malden 48, Mass.

PROMAGS ON PARADE

This feature has been delayed again because it has to be edited to keep it up to date. If you wanted to see Part Three of this feature address the Editor. If no one is interested, it would be foolish to waste space that could be used for news and columns.

Current BROADCASTING reports DIMENSION X is returning to the air on March 4th on NBC at 5:00 to 5:25pm sponsored by Pepsi-Cola.

Wm. N. Austin (3317 W. 67th, Seattle 7, Washington) has brought out #1 of a swell new fanzine featuring the "Vital Statistics of Amateur Journalism"-NAMELESS ESSENTIALS. A neat legal zine with news for and about fanzines. Fanzine list & reviews and news make this zine interesting to fan eds. This first issue is slanted to fanzines of the Pacific Northwest. Costs just 8¢ (6-40¢)

Current fanzines worth getting: Anniversary issue of FAN-FARE, the slick zine ORB, and Banister's work of art-NECROMANTIKON.

S-F NEWSSCOPE is interested in finding New York fans or a fan interested in reporting news to us. Bob Silverberg can't get all the news himself. Will you help?

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FANZINE REVIEWS (Cont. from pg. 4)

THE WEEPER (Bi-monthly from L.L. Shepherd, P.O. Box 193, Litchfield Illinois. 15¢ 2/25¢. No. 1 Vol. 1, the Feb. 1951 issue. 18 1/2 legal pages of articles and fiction and short features. The editor asks for some "weeps" or gripes on fandom. The dull interior and wasted space are a couple of criticisms. On the whole a good first issue.

SLANT (170 Upper Newtownards Rd., Belfast, N. Ireland. Price 25¢ (1/6) or a current promag for 2 issues. This is the advance sample of the contents page for Spring 1951. As usual a stellar lineup. Over 40 printed pages. By all means get a copy.

Send us your fanzine for review in this column. WE will appreciate it very much, as we collect them.

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